

Semi-Monthly Report - PROGRAMS DIVISION

1 - 15 September 1949

I. Work Completed During the Period

Programming

Received, and passed on the B/FE comments on its Intelligence Production Plan from B/No, B/FE, B/EE and G/Tr. None received yet from B.WE and B.Ec. Comments so far received lend themselves to coordination and are not likely to alter the structure of the plan.

A basic concept and "apologia" for the programming function has been drawn up in draft form, but is not yet ready for release from the division. Several ancillary studies have been made to fill out this concept.

Met separately with representatives of B/EE, B/No, and B/LA to discuss their production plans. All these branches have plans underway which appear to be pointing in the right direction.

External Research

25X1A9a [REDACTED] studied the B/FE production plan, and held a meeting with the branch concerning external research support for it. B/FE has agreed to provide [REDACTED] with targets by 1 November.

International Communism

It has been decided to relieve [REDACTED] from continuous attendance at sub-committee meetings. However, he will attend irregularly to check on programming and external research interests. 25X1A9a

II. Work in Progress

Programming

Appendix A to the B/FE production plan will be completed about 23 September, and disseminated to all original addressees. Inter-branch meetings concerning the B/FE plan will be postponed until Appendix A has been received and digested by interested branches.

Next step in the higher-level processing of B/FE's plan must await ICAPS' reaction.

III. Work Planned

Programming

If the "concept" approach, rather than the "detailed plan" approach is approved for the programming function, this division will be able to derive such concepts from two or three branches in relatively short order, and can

hope to speed the whole ponderous process, perhaps in time to coincide with any proposed organizational changes in ORE.